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21 July 1961

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White,
[redacted] Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Kent, [redacted]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Reported that USIA had been designated to coordinate propaganda activities in connection with any build-up of U. S. forces and asked Mr. Helms to get in touch with Tom Sorensen with particular reference to the use of RFE and AmComLib.

b. Referred to a report [redacted] regarding refugees in Cuba who have been granted asylum in the foreign embassies there, and commented if this information could be obtained from other sources, it would make/excellent propaganda item. Action: Mr. Barnes

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e. Asked if Alexis Johnson, Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs, had been briefed on CIA relations with [redacted] and was advised by Mr. Helms that he thought this had been done. It was noted that the Secretary of State is concerned about [redacted] and is desirous that he be funded from actually and in fact a private organization and that no U. S. money is involved. The Director asked Mr. Helms to have the appropriate person in CIA get in touch with Mr. Johnson and determine exactly what the State Department wants to do in this case and

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how it is to be handled. The Director commented that we should make it perfectly clear we are willing to drop our connections with [redacted] if this is desired by the Department. General Cabell noted that the

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[redacted] Division had recommended increasing our activities in [redacted]

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[redacted] The Director stated approval should be held up until such time as we find out what State desires to do in the case of [redacted]. The Director remarked that it is planned to brief the Special Group on sensitive CIA activities and indicated his intention of mentioning our relations with [redacted]

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f. Referred to the discussion at the Deputies' Meeting on 19 July regarding the necessity of keeping appropriate committees of the Congress abreast of the latest developments by the Soviets -- air, naval, missile field, etc., and commented that he is considering writing a memorandum to the President on this subject.

MR. HELMS:

a. Noted that General Taylor had requested a copy of our index of the minutes of the 5412 Committee meeting. The Director concurred.

b. Referred to the proposal that Colonel Edwards brief the [redacted] on CIA use of the polygraph during his current trip abroad and received the Director's approval for Edwards to do so.

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MR. AMORY:

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After some discussion wherein it was pointed out that this was not a CIA activity, it was agreed this problem should be brought to the attention of General Willems, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Army. Action: DD/I

b. Reported that General Taylor had requested that the Special Group receive a briefing from Art Lundahl on the "last two items." The Director approved. Mr. Dulles also commented that while the President had received bits and pieces, he thought it was about time he received a full briefing. Mr. Amory remarked that we are ready to do this any time.

MR. KENT:

Noted that the military annexes to the Soviet military paper are to be considered on 22 August and General Collins had requested that the portion on the ICBM's be left out and considered in October -- at which time we will be getting out the Estimate on ICBM's. The Director concurred.

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